adopted by the Government of India, the Kerosene (SKO) allocation for distribution for under the Public Distribution System (PDS) to various States/ Union Territories, including Kerala, was reduced every year beginning 2001-02 and upto 2004-05, taking into account the number LPG connections released in each of the State/Union Territories.

The details of the quantity of PDS SKO allocated to the State of Kerala during the period from 2001-02 to till date are as under:—

Year	Quantity (In MTs)
2001-02	2,69,497
2002-03	2,36,758
2003-04	2,24,243
2004-05	2,11,033
2005-06	2,16,308
2006-07 (April—September, 2006)	1,08,154

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Various State Governments, including Kerala Government, have requested for increase in their PDS Kerosene allocation. The matter of rationalization of allocation of PDS Kerosence among the states is under the consideration of the Government.

Exploration of gas by GSPC

†2679. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation has found huge quantity of gas and oil in Krishna-Godavari basin in Kakinada district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, by when the commercial production of this gas and oil would begin;

(c) whether Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation has found oil and gas reserves in other parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the names of such places along with the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation has made oil and gas discoveries in Cambay Basin in the State of Gujarat and Krishna-Godavari Offshore basin in the Bay of Bengal. The details of the blocks are as under:

(i) CB-ON/2 Block in Kheda and Anand districts (Cambay Basin in Gujarat)

(ii) CB-ONN-2000/1 Block in Ahmedabad district (Cambay Basin in Gujarat)

(iii) KG-OSN-2001/3 Offshore Block (Krishna-Godavari basin in Bay of Bengal)

Supply of Kerosene to Coastal states

2680. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to limit supply of kerosene through PDS to BPL card holders only;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such restrictions would pose difficulties for large sections of ordinary fishermen in the coastal regions;

(d) if so, whether Government would consider special provisions pertaining to the coastal States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) In order to formulate a long-term pricing policy, the Government had constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. C. Rangarajan, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister to examine different aspects of pricing and taxation of petroleum products with a view to stabilizing/rationalizing their prices, keeping in view the financial position of the oil companies, the investment needed in the sector, the need to conserve petroleum products, and establishing a transparent mechanism